

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Nov. 6, 2017



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## Three-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days. Note that several activities are listed on the same day below.*

Tue • Nov 7: **SPTO Meeting**, Dinner served at 6 p.m., Meeting 6:15–8 p.m., childcare provided, *Cafeteria*

Thu • Nov 9: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on Thursday, due to Friday holiday**, 3–3:30 p.m., *School Yard*

**Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)*

Fri • Nov 10: **Veteran's Day Holiday: No School for Students**

Tue • Nov 14: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*

**Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night**, 7:15–8:30 p.m., *Library*

Fri • Nov 17: **First Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**

Nov 20 - 24: **Thanksgiving Recess: No School For Students**

## Next SPTO Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 7

Please join us at the next Sequoia PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Hope to see you there!

## School Closed Friday, Nov. 10

Please note that Sequoia will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. Due to the holiday, frozen fruit bar sales will be on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 3 to 3:30 p.m. on the school yard. Also, as a reminder, school is closed for Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 20–24.

## School Site Council Meeting, Nov. 14

The next Sequoia School Site Council (SSC) meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Sequoia library. Everyone is welcome! You do not need to be a voting member of the SSC to attend meetings. SSC is a group of Sequoia teachers, parents and community members who work together with the principal to develop, review and implement an ongoing School Improvement Plan.

## Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night, Nov. 14

Prospective Sequoia Families are invited to attend the Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sequoia library. Families will meet Principal Bertolo along with teachers and parents who will introduce them to our vibrant school and answer questions.

## Family Dance & Silent Auction

It's that time of year again—the Sequoia Family Dance & Silent Auction is fast approaching. This year's event is Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m. To make this event fun and successful, we need your help.



If you have made a donation or were able to sponsor the event in the past and can do so again, please fill out the forms on the Sequoia website.

### Donate an item:

<http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/>

### Sponsor the event:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzXRxeHHKAByr2XxWdJjHMzwK\\_Eeh7rfNiY6mCCjaT6Me5lQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzXRxeHHKAByr2XxWdJjHMzwK_Eeh7rfNiY6mCCjaT6Me5lQ/viewform)

If you are new to this event, there are lots of ways to help. You can donate an item or service, sponsor the event, host a party or activity (as an auction item), or solicit items from businesses, restaurants and/or places you frequent.

If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com) and we will get you started!

## Harvest Festival Thank You

Heartfelt thanks from the Harvest Festival volunteer coordinator, Heidi Aboites:



“The Harvest Festival's fundraiser went beyond our expectations, but more importantly, we were able to experience the great connections among our beautiful community.

“A big shout out to all our amazing volunteers and participants throughout this amazing event. This couldn't have been possible without your help and commitment. Before the event, we had a list of volunteers, but as we got closer, the list kept getting bigger and bigger, and we literally ran out of space on the volunteer sheet.

“My heart fills with joy to know how great and committed our community is. As I try to not miss any names, I would like to shout out to ALL OF YOU! Thank you, thank you, thank you for being part of Sequoia and for BEING!

“Till next event, goooo Squirrels!”

## Update on Volunteer Needs

Parent volunteers are still needed to help with safety patrol in the mornings, salad bar help at lunchtime and science fair leads for the springtime event. If you are willing to help out with any of these roles or have questions, please contact [jennykimball@gmail.com](mailto:jennykimball@gmail.com).

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## Sequoia Shout Outs

Send shout outs to [shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net](mailto:shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net).

**Thank you TK and K!**

**Donations:** Siimi and Waylon

**Box Tops:** Violet and Madeline

**Dimond Library Chaperone:** Gami

**Fall Centers:** Gami, Norman, Leslie, Pam, Saniyyah

**Halloween Help:** Erich, Leslie, Pam, Tomoko, Andrew, Kingston's grandma, Myisha, Melissa, Saniyyah, Gami

**Motor Skills:** Leslie, Pam, Sasha, David, Kyra, Annie, Mariana, Lynell, and Erik

**Book Organizing and Classroom Help:** Sharon and Angela

**Snack Setup:** Pam, Tomoko, Sasha, Erich, Saniyyah

**Lunch Help:** David and Pam

**Snack:** Naomi, Lucas, Ruby, Freja and Waylon

**Special Shout Out:** "Thank you to Ms. Nubia for always helping with a SMILE! I appreciate your care and kindness."—Gami Haynes



## artSPARK, "Choose Your Own Adventure," Saturday, Dec. 2

Has your child received an artSpark planning sheet? It's time to start planning their own adventure to create for this year's artSpark on Saturday, Dec. 2.



For that afternoon, the auditorium will be transformed into an art gallery of Sequoia students' work. This year, the theme for the event is "Choose Your Own Adventure." Much like a science fair, artSPARK is an opportunity for students to share their unique artistic ideas with an art project they work on at home. If you are looking for materials to get you started, come check out our box of supplies outside of the school office. Help us transform the school auditorium on Dec. 2 into a neighborhood destination, and encourage your young artist to submit a project.

Projects are due on Nov. 27. Please contact Raylene Samson at [sequoiaartspark@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaartspark@gmail.com) or 415-509-5889 with any questions.

**artSPARK, "Elige tu propia aventura",** Sábado 2 de Diciembre  
Esperamos que hayas disfrutado de la serigrafía con el equipo de artSPARK el fin de semana pasado en el Festival de la Cosecha. Esto te da un pequeño sabor de lo que está reservado para el evento artSPARK de este año, el sábado 2 de diciembre.

Para esa tarde, el auditorio se transformará en una galería de arte con el trabajo de los estudiantes de Sequoia. Este año, el tema del evento es "Elige tu propia aventura". Al igual que una feria de ciencias, artSPARK es una oportunidad para que los estudiantes compartan sus ideas artísticas únicas con un proyecto de arte en el que trabajan en casa. Si estás buscando materiales para comenzar, visita nuestra caja de suministros fuera de la oficina de la escuela. Ayúdanos a transformar el auditorio de la escuela el 2 de diciembre en un destino del vecindario, y anima a tu joven artista a enviar un proyecto.

Los proyectos deben estar listos el 27 de noviembre. Pónte en contacto con Raylene Samson en [sequoiaartspark@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaartspark@gmail.com) ó llamando al 415-509-5889 si tienes alguna pregunta.

artSPARK, "選擇你自己的冒險"

12月2日星期六

今年, artspark是"選擇你自己的冒險"

你的孩子可以在家創作自己的藝術品, 並在藝術展上展.

學校辦公室外有一些藝術用品.

為了幫助展會做好準備,

請在12月2日做志願者.

星期一, 11月27日, 請早上帶上你的工作

請聯繫:

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artSPARK, "Chọn cuộc phiêu lưu của bạn," Thứ bảy, ngày 2 tháng 12  
Chúng tôi hy vọng bạn thích màn hình in với đội artSPARK cuối tuần qua tại Harvest Festival. Vụ này cho bạn biết chúc mừng về Tổ Chức artSPARK năm nay vào thứ Bảy, ngày 2 tháng 12.

Buổi chiều hôm đó, phòng tập thể ở trường Sequoia sẽ được chuyển thành một phòng trưng bày nghệ thuật. Năm nay, chủ đề của sự kiện là "Chọn cuộc phiêu lưu của riêng bạn." Giống như một hội chợ khoa học, artSPARK là cơ hội để học sinh được chia sẻ ý tưởng nghệ thuật đặc biệt của mỗi cá nhân mà chúng sẽ tạo ra ở nhà. Nếu những học sinh hoặc phụ huynh đang tìm kiếm các tài liệu để giúp các em bắt đầu, hãy đến coi hộp đồ dụng cụ của chúng tôi để bên ngoài văn phòng của trường.

Giúp chúng tôi biến trường thành triển lãm nghệ thuật của cộng đồng mình và khuyến khích những nghệ sĩ trẻ của chúng ta. Các dự án phải nộp vào Ngày 27 tháng 11. Vui lòng liên hệ Raylene Samson tại [sequoiaartspark@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaartspark@gmail.com) hoặc 415-509-5889.

أرتسبارك، "اختيار مغامرة الخاص بك،" السبت، ديسمبر 2 نأمل أن تستمتع طباعة الشاشة مع فريق أرتسبارك خلال عطلة نهاية الأسبوع في مهرجان الحصاد. هذا وسوف يتيح لك معرفة حول قمة أرتسبارك هذا العام يوم السبت، 2 ديسمبر.

بعد ظهر هذا اليوم، سيتم تحويل الفريق في مدرسة سيكويلا الابتدائية إلى معرض فني. هذا العام، وموضوع الحدث هو "اختيار مغامرة الخاصة بك." مثل معرض العلوم، أرتسبارك هو فرصة للطلاب لتبادل الأفكار الفنية الفريدة من كل فرد أنها تخلق في المنزل. إذا كان الطلاب أو الآباء يبحثون عن مواد لمساعدتهم على البدء، يرجى زيارة صندوق الأدوات خارج مكتب المدرسة.

ساعدونا في تحويل المدرسة إلى معرض فني في مجتمعنا وتشجيع فنانينا الشباب. يجب تقديم المشاريع في 27 نوفمبر. يرجى الاتصال ريليني سامسون في [sequoiaartspark@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaartspark@gmail.com) 5889-509-415 أو.

## Arabic Translations Needed

The Sequoia newsletter team needs a parent volunteer to help with Arabic translations. Each week the newsletter features an article translated into several languages, thanks to parent translators. To help, email [SequoiaNewsTeam@googlegroups.com](mailto:SequoiaNewsTeam@googlegroups.com).

## Printed Newsletter Opt-Out

To help Sequoia save money, we offer families the option to opt out of receiving a printed copy of the newsletter (which is posted on the school website, the school's Facebook page and Yahoo community group). Complete the form on the website to opt out; capitalize "Oakland" in the security question field (on a computer, not phone): <http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities/newsletter-opt-out/>.